

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 19 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 20 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 18 Mar 2021 at 14:44 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high for settled conditions over the next few days with the main uncertainty being cloud distribution. Larger uncertainty after the weekend.

Headline for Friday 19 Mar 2021: Plenty of sunshine with increasingly light winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 19 Mar 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Clear night	Clear night	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Clear night	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%

Forecast for Friday 19 Mar 2021

Weather: Dry with clear skies through the early hours leading to a slight frost in the glens. A clear, sunny start will leave a dry day with long spells of sunshine, perhaps a little more cloud across Loch Lomond at times. Clear and dry through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% with very little, if any low level cloud.

Visibility: Very good with distant views.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	26/32 N	23/30 NE	23/29 NE	20/26 NE	15/20 NE	9/14 N	7/10 N	8/10 NW	8/11 W
900	15/21 NE	15/21 NE	15/20 NE	14/20 NE	10/15 NE	6/9 N	4/7 NW	4/6 NW	6/9 W
600	13/17 NE	15/20 NE	15/20 NE	14/19 NE	10/15 N	6/10 N	4/7 W	5/7 W	6/9 W
300	9/13 N	9/15 N	9/14 N	7/12 N	8/12 N	6/10 N	4/8 NW	4/6 N	4/7 NW
Glen	5/8 NW	7/13 N	7/14 NE	5/12 N	5/11 N	5/10 N	7/11 W	4/7 W	5/10 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	4/-1	4/-1	3/-2	3/-2	4/0	4/1	3/1	3/0	2/-1
900	4/-0	4/-1	3/-1	4/-1	5/2	6/4	6/4	4/3	4/2
600	6/2	5/2	5/1	6/2	7/5	9/7	8/7	6/5	5/3
300	7/4	6/4	6/3	7/4	9/8	11/10	10/10	8/7	7/6
Glen	7/6	7/5	7/5	9/7	12/11	13/13	12/10	9/8	8/6
Freezing Level*	1800m	1800m	1800m	1700m	1800m	1800m	1800m	1800m	1700m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Sunshine will lead to some sun glare off the remaining snowfields on highest ground. Glen temperatures closer to 2C around dawn.

Forecast for Saturday 20 Mar 2021

Weather: A change in wind direction will lead to a much cloudier day than Friday as areas of low cloud drift in off the Atlantic, bringing some patchy drizzle along the west coast. The Trossachs likely seeing the best of the shelter with some sunshine possible here, especially east of Ben More. Low cloud extending to all parts through evening.

Maximum wind: West 15-20mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% across The Trossachs, otherwise 10%.

Visibility: Away from the Trossachs large areas of cloud above 400-600m. Hazy or misty below the cloud across the west, especially as patchy drizzle comes and goes. Good or very good across the more sheltered east.

Temperature: **Glens:** 4-6C rising to 8-10C.
At 800m: 1 or 2C.
Freezing level: Above summits.